

Feb. 5, 1997

TO: BRIAN LAMB, C-SPAN

I have sent copies of the
attached letter to Senators Moynihan
and D'Amato and to Congressman
Forbes of NY.

I hope we can stop the
commercially-motivated raiding
of C-SPAN.

Keep up the fine job!



Feb. 10, 1997

Postscript —

The enclosed letter was
delayed in mailing because I
couldn't find your street
address anywhere on CSPAN's
Internet pages.

> Finally located it on cable
this morning at the end of
Washington Journal. But
shouldn't it be on Internet?



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[REDACTED] Shelter Island, NY 11964 [REDACTED]

February 4, 1997

Ms. Elizabeth A. Bonora, Editor
Shelter Island Reporter
Shelter Island Heights, NY 11965

Dear Ms. Bonora,

Since January 1st, cable users on Shelter Island, apparently as well as those on the East End, have lost the programming of **C-Span2** from 8pm to 6am. To make room for Fox News and Q2, another shopping channel, C-Span2 and E! Entertainment have been reduced to the sharing of channel 30.

Since C-Span2 broadcasts all sessions of the U. S. Senate as well as innumerable noteworthy public affairs programs, I believe it will be sorely missed on Shelter Island. Cablevision says it has downgraded C-Span2 because it says it was the least watched channel on the East End in their 1994 telephone survey. I was told a new survey would be undertaken in 1997, but there is no telling when its results would have impact.

I urge all concerned readers who agree with me to write or call Ms. Joan Gilroy, Cablevision's Public Affairs Director, and demand the return of full-time programming for C-Span2.

Supervisor Hoot Sherman should be apprised of our feelings, too, so that he may be guided during the ongoing negotiations for the renewal of the Cablevision franchise.

Adding injury to insult, of course, is the 12.4% increased, effective March 1st, in the Family cable rate!

Very truly yours,

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NYC address: [REDACTED]
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cc: Supervisor Hoot Sherman

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